

Emily Post Quotes

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Games, Guests, Tables, Believe, Talking, Lying, Light, Hands, Self, Women,
Honor, Littles, Hurt*

Ideal conversation must be an exchange of thought, and not, as many of those who worry most about their shortcomings believe, an eloquent exhibition of wit or oratory.

~Emily Post

Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.

~Emily Post

Good manners reflect something from inside-an innate sense of consideration for others and respect for self.

~Emily Post

Nothing is less important than which fork you use. Etiquette is the science of living. It embraces everything. It is ethics. It is honor.

~Emily Post

If you are hurt, whether in mind or body, don't nurse your bruises. Get up, and light-heartedly, courageously, good-temperedly, get ready for the next encounter.

~Emily Post

To make a pleasant and friendly impression is not alone good manners, but equally good business.

~Emily Post

Never think, because you cannot write a letter easily, that it is better not to write at all. The most awkward note imaginable is better than none.

~Emily Post

The attributes of a great lady may still be found in the rule of the four S's: Sincerity, Simplicity, Sympathy, and Serenity.

~Emily Post

Manners are like primary colors, there are certain rules and once you have these you merely mix, i.e., adapt, them to meet changing situations.

~Emily Post

Manner is personalityâ€™the outward manifestation of one's innate character and attitude toward life.

~Emily Post

Whenever two people come together and their behavior affects one another, you have etiquette.

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The natural impulses of every thoroughbred include his sense of honor; his love of fair play and courage; his dislike of pretense and of cheapness.

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"Keep your hands to yourself!" might almost be put at the head of the first chapter of every book on etiquette.

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An overdose of praise is like 10 lumps of sugar in coffee; only a very few people can swallow it.

~Emily Post

A gentleman does not boast about his junk.

~Emily Post

Any child can be taught to be beautifully behaved with no effort greater than quiet patience and perseverance, whereas to break bad habits

once they are acquired is a Herculean task.

~Emily Post

Custom is a mutable thing; yet we readily recognize the permanence of certain social values. Graciousness and courtesy are never old-fashioned.

~Emily Post

Never so long as you live, write a letter to a man - no matter who he is - that you would be ashamed to see in a newspaper above your signature.

~Emily Post

If God had intended for women to wear slacks, He would have constructed them differently.

~Emily Post

A gentleman should never take his hat off with a flourish.

~Emily Post

Jealousy is the suspicion of one's own inferiority.

~Emily Post

A little praise is not only merest justice but is beyond the purse of no one.

~Emily Post

The only occasion when the traditions of courtesy permit a hostess to help herself before a woman guest is when she has reason to believe the food is poisoned.

~Emily Post

Never take more than your share - whether of the road in driving your car, of chairs on a boat or seats on a train, or food at the table.

~Emily Post

Courtesy demands that you, when you are a guest, shall show neither annoyance nor disappointment--no matter what happens.

~Emily Post

A lady never asks a gentleman to dance, or to go to supper with her.

~Emily Post

Never do anything that is unpleasant to others.

~Emily Post

To tell a lie in cowardice, to tell a lie for gain, or to avoid deserved punishment--are all the blackest of black lies.

~Emily Post

The good guest is almost invisible, enjoying him or herself, communing with fellow guests, and, most of all, enjoying the generous hospitality of the hosts.

~Emily Post

To the old saying that man built the house but woman made of it a 'home' might be added the modern supplement that woman accepted cooking as a chore but man has made of it a recreation.

~Emily Post

Bread is like dressed, hats and shoes - in other words, essential!

~Emily Post

Never say "Au revoir" unless you have been talking French, or are speaking to a French person.

~Emily Post

Etiquette requires the presumption of good until the contrary is proved.

~Emily Post

Training a child is exactly like training a puppy; a little heedless inattention and it is out of hand immediately; the great thing is not to let it acquire bad habits that must afterward be broken.

~Emily Post

Unconsciousness of self is not so much unselfishness as it is the mental ability to extinguish all thought of one's self - exactly as one turns out the light.

~Emily Post

Manners are made up of trivialities of deportment which can be easily learned if one does not happen to know them.

~Emily Post

The eleventh commandment, "Thou shalt not be found out" is despicable, but nevertheless, it is the one thing you can never get away from.

~Emily Post

Elbows are never put on the table while one is eating.

~Emily Post

Rather be frumpy than vulgar! Much. Frumps are often celebrities in disguise -- but a person of vulgar appearance is vulgar all through.

~Emily Post

Golf is a particularly severe strain upon the amiability of the average person's temper, and in no other game, except bridge, is serenity of disposition so essential.

~Emily Post

Alas! it is true: "Be polite to bores and so shall you have bores always

round about you."

~Emily Post

To do exactly as your neighbors do is the only sensible rule.

~Emily Post

The most vulgar slang is scarcely worse than the attempted elegance which those unused to good society imagine to be the evidence of cultivation.

~Emily Post

No rule of etiquette is of less importance than which fork we use.

~Emily Post

The fault of bad taste is usually in over-dressing. Quality not effect, is the standard to seek for.

~Emily Post

The joy of joys is the person of light but unmalicious humor.

~Emily Post

It is impossible for a hatless woman to be chic.

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